The RI Government Web Data Sharing Committee invites you to the…

Municipal and State Web Data Sharing Summer Summit
…or if you're under 30, DataPalooza!

Thursday, July 28th 2005 at 10am
RI Department of Administration, 2nd Floor, Conference Room A
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

What is it?

An informative and somewhat informal showcase of the many ways municipalities can access and utilize government data made available through the use of easy-to-understand and implement technology. Through the use of web data sharing techniques such as RSS, content can be automatically displayed and updated on your website with virtually no manual intervention.

Who should come?

People responsible for distributing, creating, and/or updating information on a city or town website, and those responsible for technically facilitating that process. Municipalities that engage private sector companies to manage their websites should encourage them to attend as well.

Do I need to be a technical person?

No! These topics will be presented in ways that are understandable and beneficial to both technical and non-technical attendees.

What is the benefit to our municipality?

With a basic understanding and implementation of exciting data sharing techniques like RSS and XML, you can provide more information to your local residents and government without increasing capital or personnel costs. Employing these techniques will actually reduce the amount of time spent updating your website with meeting notices and meeting minutes and increase accuracy and timeliness.

What will I learn?

- Basic data sharing vocabulary (RSS feeds, XML, blogs, etc.)
- What data is available from the state and federal government
- How to find data sources and keep up-to-date on this initiative
- What your role is in making sure data is accurate
- How those with no web experience can add content to a website
- Where you can get free assistance in implementing this technology

RSVP Today

Please contact karenm@gw.doa.state.ri.us to let us know how many from your municipality will attend. You can also join the Web Data Sharing listserv [wds_state@sec.state.ri.us] by emailing us.

The Web Data Sharing Committee is a cooperative effort between the Office of the Secretary of State, the Division of Information Technology, the Office of Library and Information Services, the City of Providence and RI.gov.
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